



**2019 Legislative Session
Impact Statement**

Bill Number: SB3

Title of Bill: To require additional reporting requirements by certain physicians and healthcare facilities for abortion complications.

Bill Sponsor(s): Senator T. Garner

Bill Summary: Requires abortion-related complications reporting by physicians at abortion facilities and by healthcare facilities to ADH via electronic reporting

Physicians – within 3 business days
Healthcare facilities- within 30 days

Contents of report specified in great detail

Yearly aggregate published report by ADH required

Info and records confidential and not subject to FOIA

Subject to civil money penalty for failure to comply; AG collection of penalty plus costs and attorney fees

3 strikes = grounds for license revocation or suspension by licensing board

Strengths: Provides data on actual complications from abortions.

Weaknesses: Does not require reporting of complications from physician office abortions that perform less than 10 abortions a month.

Fiscal Impact: The expense to the providers will be determined by the need for staff to report complications, which will be dependent on the complication rate. ADH expenses will be approximately .15 FTE @\$29,000 annual salary or \$4,350 annually to monitor and process reports.

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